

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

The City Of Augusta

Proclamation

IN RECOGNITION of “Dr. Rosa L. Williams”

WHEREAS, Bishop L. D. Skinner, Sr., the presiding prelate of the Explosion Ministries Fellowship Association of Churches (EMFAC), Everfaithful Missionary Baptist Church, and an Ecumenical College of Bishops, has sought the Almighty God on behalf of Dr. Rosa L. Williams and her consideration for the Bishopric; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Rosa L. Williams is a board member in good standing of the Explosion Ministries Fellowship; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Rosa L. Williams was called into the ministry in 1969, preached her first sermon in 1970, and was ordained in 1974; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Rosa L. Williams has demonstrated her scholastic ability by receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from Paine College in Augusta, Georgia, a Masters Degree in Education from South Carolina State College, and a Doctorate of Divinity from Spirit of Truth Institute in Richmond, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Rosa L. Williams has participated in revivals in Europe, Alaska, and throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Rosa L. Williams has been referred to as, “The Deborah of Dispensation”, “The Esther of African-Americans”, “The Dorcas of Augusta”, “The Lover of Prayer”, “The Queen of Compassion”, and “The Judge of Humility”; and

WHEREAS, her ministry includes the whole man from birth to death. She has led many lost souls to Christ and many members to rededicate themselves to Christ through her hard work, inspiration, and enthusiasm as a spirit-filled Pastor; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Rosa L. Williams has received numerous awards, including The Unsung Hero Award 1993, The Good Shepherd Pastor Award 1994, The Ambassador for Christ Award 1995, Who’s Who Among American Women 1997, Pastor of the Year 1998, The Martin Luther King, Jr. Outstanding Service Award 2000, and Who’s Who in American Heritage 2004; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her numerous civic activities, Dr. Rosa L. Williams was married to the late Leroy Williams and is the proud mother of five children and grandmother of eleven.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Young, Mayor of the City of Augusta, do hereby proclaim May 7, 2005, as “DR. ROSA L. WILLIAMS DAY” in Augusta, Georgia, on the occasion of becoming the first female Bishop in the community and urge all citizens to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Augusta, Georgia, to be affixed this 7th day of May 2005.

Mayor